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1. SUMMARY: TURKISH PRESS HAS GIVEN LOW-KEY BUT SPECULATIVE
NEWS COVERAGE TO THE VISIT TO ANKARA THIS WEEK OF A
US TEAM HEADED BY COUNSELOR NIMETZ. PRESS HAS ALSO
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REPORTED THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER PROMINENT VISITORS
WILL BE HERE AT THE SAME TIME. ACCORDING TO FEB 21
PRESS REPORTS, LIBYAN PRIMIN JALLOUD ARRIVES FEB 22.
ADDITIONALLY, MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST GROUP OF THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CALLED ON PRIMIN ECEVIT FEB 20.
AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN KARASEK WILL ARRIVE FEB 21 IN
CONNECTION WITH A REPORT ON CYPRUS HE IS PREPARING FOR

THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. END SUMMARY.

2. REPORTS OF THE NIMETZ VISIT TO ANKARA PPEARED IN MOST PAPERS FEB 21. A NUMBER OF PAPERS CARRY PART OF THE TEXT OF THE MFA ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT, AND THE INCLUSION OF ECONOMIC, AS WELL AS MILITARY, TOPICS IN THE AGENDA IS STRESSED. MILLIYET REPORTS THAT THE COUNSELOR WILL MEET WITH FONMIN OKCUN ON FEB 22 AND THAT THE TALKS, AIMED AT IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONS, WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBILITIES FOR SUPPORTING TURKEY IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. MASS APPEAL HURRIYET ON FEB 18, QUOTING ALLEGEDLY KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES, PROCLAIMED THAT THE NUMBER ONE ITEM ON THE AGENDA WOULD BE CYPRUS. OPPOSITION TERCUMAN VARIES THE EARLIER STORY (REPORTED REFTTEL) OF "PRESIDENT CARTER'S FOUR-POINT PLAN TO SOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM" BY CLAIMING THAT NIMETZ WILL PRESENT THE PLAN.

3. FEB 20, A DELEGATION ALLEGEDLY FROM THE SOCIALIST GROUP OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND HEADED BY LUDWIG FILLERMAIER CALLED ON PRIMIN ECEVIT DURING THEIR VISIT TO ANKARA. THEY ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BROUGHT A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM WILLY BRANDT.

4. ALSO THIS WEEK, THE AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN, DR FRANZ KARASEK, IS EXPECTED IN ANKARA ON THE LAST LEG
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OF A FACT GATHERING TRIP TO ATHENS, NICOSIA, AND ANKARA. HE IS REPORTEDLY PREPARING A REPORT ON THE CYPRUS SITUATION FOR THE COUNCIL OF ERUOPE. WHILE IN ANKARA, HE WILL CALL ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MINISTER OF STATE TURHAN FEYZIOGLU, POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS (EXCLUDING ECEVIT), AND THE HEADS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES.

5. FINALLY, ACCORDING TO THE FEB 21 PRESS, LIBYAN PRIMIN JALLOUD WILL ARRIVE IN ANKARA ON FEB 22 FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT. REPORTEDLY, HE WILL CALL ON PRESIDENT KORUTURK, PRIMIN ECEVIT, AND FONMIN OKCUN WHILE HERE.
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